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TAGS: MARR, UNSC, LE, IS
SUBJECT: WOUNDING OF UN OBSERVERS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

REFS: (A) JERUSALEM 665 (B) JERUSALEM 674

1. ARMA WAS IN METULLA AT IDF POSITION OVER-
LOOKING MARJAYOUN FROM 0900Z TO APPROXIMATELY
1030Z MAR 7. IDF BRIEFER, WHO IS SENIOR
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN AREA, SAID THAT OCCASIONAL
MORTAR ROUNDS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN CHRISTIANS
IN POSITION AT TEL CHERIKI (VIC MARJAYOUN) AND
PALESTINIANS AT AL KHIYAM, BUT THAT NO MAJOR
EXCHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN PAST FEW WEEKS. DURING
VISIT, ARMA OBSERVED BOTH CHRISTIAN AND PALESTINIAN
POSITIONS AS WELL AS UN OP KHIYAM THROUGH 20 POWER
BINOCULORS. NO FIRING OR OTHER ACTIVITY NOTED.
FIRING WHICH WOUNDED UN OBSERVERS APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE AT
APPROXIMATELY 1040Z. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT
THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE CASUAL EXCHANGES
BUT MORE PROBABLY WAS ANOTHER CHRISTIAN ANTI-UN
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ACTION WHICH THIS TIME RESULTED IN A CASUALTY.
THE CHRISTIANS APPARENTLY VIEW THE UN AS COHARTS OF
THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE, TO DATE,
BEEN UNABLE TO EXERCISE ENOUGH CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OVER
THE CHRISTIANS TO BRING A HALT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES.

2. OTHER RESULTS OF ARMA RECON ALONG ISRAELI-

LEBANESE BORDER WILL BE REPORTED IN DETAIL SEPARATELY.
IDF HAS LIGHTLY REINFORCED CENTRAL SECTOR WITH A TANK PLATOON AND
MECH INFANTRY COMPANY. WE ASSUME SOME ARTILLERY HAS BEEN
MOVED IN. OTHER -WISE, ENTIRE BORDER, PARTICULARLY METULLA AREA,
WAS ROUTINE SO FAR AS IDF ACTIVITIES WERE CONCERNED.
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